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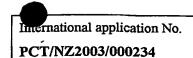
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This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.				
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.				
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:				
I X Basis of the report				
II Priority	Priority ·			
III Non-establishment of op	III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability			
IV Lack of unity of invention	Lack of unity of invention			
V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
VI Certain documents cited	Certain documents cited			
VII Certain defects in the in	Certain defects in the international application			
VIII Certain observations on the international application				
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International application No.

PCT/NZ2003/000234 Basis of the report With regard to the elements of the international application:\* the international application as originally filed. the description, pages, as originally filed, pages, filed with the demand, pages, received on with the letter of the claims, pages, as originally filed, pages, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19, pages, filed with the demand, pages, received on with the letter of the drawings, pages, as originally filed, pages, filed with the demand, pages, received on with the letter of the sequence listing part of the description: pages, as originally filed pages, filed with the demand pages, received on with the letter of With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is: the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3). With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing: contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages the claims, Nos. the drawings, sheets/fig. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to 5. go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report



V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims 1-21	YES	
	Claims	NO	
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-21	YES	
	Claims	NO	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-21	YES	
	Claims	NO	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

All the documents cited in the ISR were category A only. Therefore the claimed invention is not disclosed in any of these patent documents and hence all the claims are novel.

The claimed invention is not obvious in the light of any of the cited documents nor is it disclosed in any obvious combination of them. It is also considered that it would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art in the light of common general knowledge either by itself or in combination with any of these documents.